



## BY THE MAYOR.



Whereas the right honourable the Lords of his Maiesties most honourable priuy Councell, hauing taken care to reforme many abuses that haue of late crept into this City and places adioyning, as the excessive number of Tauerne, and the exactions v-  
sed in the immoderate prices of all sorts of provisions in Ordi-  
naries and hosteries: and finding that the said abuse hath ap-  
peared in nothing more than in the excessive rates of Poultry  
of all sorts, being so vnrasonably enhanced by Poulterers  
and higlers, that it is not onely an intolerable grievance to his  
Maiesties Subiects, but the inconuenience thereof doth also  
deepely reflect vpon his Maiesties household, haue signified the  
expresse Command of his Maiesty That the Lord Mayor and  
his brethren, the Aldermen, should enter into serious considera-  
tion of that particular grievance, as a thing altogether vnsuffe-  
rable, and should set such prices as they should conceiue to be fit  
for all small Meates and other provisions, and to set by the same  
in publicke Tables to the end that both Buyer and Seller may take notice thereof: and also should vary  
them from time to time as they shall finde iust cause. In obedience Whereunto, the said Lord Mayor,  
by the aduice of the said Aldermen, for remedy and reformation thereof, hath, vpon mature deliberation,  
set such rates and prices as seeme meete and reasonable to be giuen and paid for all sorts of Poultry and  
other small Meates, to be sold within this City and Liberties thereof, and hath commanded the same  
rates to be published and set vp in Tables, to the end and intent that all and euery person and persons  
may thereby haue cleare knowledge and vnderstanding What the Poulterers and all other person and  
persons ought iustly to demand or take of them for their Poultry, vendred as aforesaid. Streightly char-  
ging and commanding euery of the said Poulterers and others, as aforesaid, that they or any of them do  
not at any time or times hereafter demand, require or take any more or greater price for their said Poul-  
try, than is assessed and rated as aforesaid: And that no manner of person or persons doe in any wise pay  
more than after the same rates. And also, that euery person do obey and keep as well the said prices, as all  
other prices that shall from time to time hereafter be set and appointed by the said Lord Mayor for any  
provision of Victuall whatsoever, vpon pain of such punishment to be inflicted vpon the Transgressors,  
as according to the lawes, and their deserts shall bee thought meete and requisite. Provided alwayes,  
that all manner of persons may from time to time buy Poultry at lesser and lower prices, as they can  
furnish themselves.

Giuen at the Guild-Hall the seuenth day of Ianuary, Anno Dom. 1633.

God saue the King.

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